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NEWS RELEASE

Intoxicated Man Arrested Following Encounter

At approximately 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 23, while proactively patrolling the area of the 200 block of South Washington St., the City of Falls Church Police were approached by a concerned citizen who reported an encounter with an intoxicated man.

The woman stated that, earlier that evening, she had been walking through the area of the 200 block of South Washington St. with her young son who was a few steps beside her and playing with sticks. As they continued through the area, the suspect, Douglas Burkel, moved towards the child as the child came nearer to Burkel and his possessions. At that time an unknown bystander intervened to stop Burkel from getting closer to the child.

Police apprehended Burkel, who smelled strongly of alcohol and displayed other signs of intoxication, at the scene. Burkel denied any attempt to grab the child, but stated that he did not want any kids near his possessions. He was subsequently arrested and charged with attempted abduction and drunk in public; he is being held without bond.

City of Falls Church Police ask all residents to be mindful when out and suggest having a cell phone with you to call police in the event of a dangerous situation.

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